

**REMARKS**

Reconsideration is requested.

Claims 16-17, 21-26 and 30 are pending. Claims 1-15, 18-20, 27-29 and 31-42 have been canceled, without prejudice.

The allowance of claim 16 is acknowledged, with appreciation.

The obviousness-type double patenting rejection of claims 17 and 26 over U.S. Patent No. 6,635,257 is obviated by the attached Terminal Disclaimer. Withdrawal of the rejection is requested.

The obviousness-type double patenting rejection of claims 27-29, 31-36 and 38-42 over claims 40 and 47 of Serial No. 09/995,791 is moot in view of the above.

The obviousness-type double patenting rejection of claims 27-29, 31-36 and 38-42 over the listed claims of Serial No. 10/321,798 is moot in view of the above.

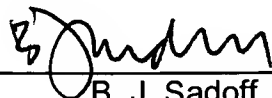
The Section 112 rejection of claim 30 is moot in view of the above.

The claims are submitted to be in condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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